AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE ~~AND A METHOD FOR ISSUING THE DEVICE~~ WITH A SECURITY FUNCTION AND A NONVOLATILE MEMORY

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19, and ending on page 3, line 7, as follows:

~~Also in~~ In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, ~~there is provided~~ a portable electronic device is provided. The device comprises a nonvolatile memory [[,]] and means for storing validity data indicating whether the security function is valid into the nonvolatile memory. ~~, wherein the~~ The validity data is received as a command message from the outside of the device. ~~, first~~ The device also includes means for determining whether a command message provided from outside the device includes data for the security function, second means for determining whether the nonvolatile memory is stored with the validity data, and first means for writing or rewriting data into the nonvolatile memory following the command message.[[,]] The first means writes or rewrites data when the first determining means determines the command message does not to include the data for security function[[,]] and ~~, wherein~~ when the second determining means determines not to store validity data in the nonvolatile memory ~~not to be stored with the validity data~~.